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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A Christmas tree stand, comprising
a main frame including a main tube having upper and lower shoulders and a pair of first supporting legs, the upper shoulder having an upper edge; and
an auxiliary frame configured with [first] upper and lower collars which can be enveloped onto the upper and lower shoulders, the auxiliary frame further including a pair of second supporting legs extending from the upper and lower collars respectively;
wherein the upper collar includes a flange extending inwardly and rotatably resting onto the upper edge of the upper shoulder.
2. (Currently Amended) The Christmas tree stand as recited in claim 1, further including a [blet] bolt to lock the main tube and the [auxiliary tube] upper collar into desired position.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)